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In re patent application of

Koji UTSUGI, et al.

Serial No.: 10/726,013 Group Art Unit: 1745
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For: ELECTROLYTE FOR SECONDARY BATTERY AND SECONDARY
BATTERY USING SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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